



Fact Sheet



Wednesday, July 9, 2008
7:00 AM

MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

Media Only Fire Information Number: 707-467-2520

Public Fire Information Number: 707-467-6426

The Mendocino Lightning Complex has consumed 51,200 acres and is 60% contained. There are 37 active and 90 contained fires. Continued threats remain a possibility to communities and critical infrastructure. Yesterday, active burning was present on several fires, including the Sugarloaf in the Boonville area, and the Lost Pipe and Hardy Creek north of Rockport. A "Red Flag Warning" has been issued today through Thursday evening for hot dry weather leading to extreme fire behavior conditions. Additional evacuation "Warnings" and/ or "Orders" may be issued. Planned firing operations have been successful and will continue to occur as needed to reduce the fuel between the fire and control lines. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

Air Operations

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations are being conducted throughout Mendocino County. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Numerous fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires.

Evacuations

Evacuation "Warnings" remain in effect for:

- Community of Rockport
- Red Mountain Road - From the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road to 13600 Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road – From Hwy 101 to the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road.
- The Community of Cummings
- Town of Leggett
- De Haven Creek and Howard Creek drainage, North of Westport

Evacuation Centers

- ***Placed on Standby***-Fort Bragg High School, 300 Dana Street, Ft. Bragg. Phone: 707-813-0345 (New)

- ***Placed on Standby***-Willits High School, 299 North Main Street, Willits. Phone: 707-486-8674
- Large animals (A call must be made prior to delivering animals)
 - Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah. 707-462-3884. After business hours: 707-972-8340
 - Albion Headlands, Albion. 650-322-1070.
 - Covelo Rodeo Grounds, 22335 S. Airport Covelo Road, Covelo. 272-2966 and 983-6860
- Small animals can be taken to the Mendocino Animal Care and Control Ukiah Shelter. After business hours: 707-272-4337.

Road Conditions

- None

Resources

- Engines: 156 Crews: 40 Helicopters: 15 Water Tenders: 63 Dozers: 35
Overhead: 344 Total Personnel: 1,744 Fixed Wing Aircraft: 3

Incident Facts

- Incident Size: 51,200 Acres
- Contained: 60%
- Injuries to date: 34
- Fatalities to date: 1
- Residences Threatened: 335
- Residences Destroyed: 2
- Number of Active Fires: 37
- Total Number of Fires: 127
- Estimated Costs to Date: \$26,500,000

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